

#2A
LB
9/6/01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **Corbau et al.**

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

APPLICATION NO.: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

FILING DATE: **July 5, 2001**

TITLE: **ISOTHIAZOLE DERIVATIVES
USEFUL AS ANTICANCER
AGENTS**

Commissioner for Patents
BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the present application on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, applicants request consideration and entry of the following amendments.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following: --The application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/220,087, filed July 21, 2000 and U.K. Patent Application No. 0016787.4, filed July 7, 2000, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-75 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the claimed subject matter in a later filed divisional or continuation application.

Please add new claims 76-152 as follows

--76. (New) A compound of the formula Ib

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EL 639 818 021 US